

## **Great Salt Lake Water Quality Steering Committee Meeting Summary Draft**

**December 5, 2006, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Dept. of Environmental Quality, Building #2, Room 101, 168 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City, Utah.**

### **Steering Committee Members and Alternates in Attendance:**

Richard West  
Maunsel Pearce  
Dave Naftz  
Leland Myers  
Walt Baker  
Dave Grierson  
Don Leonard  
Kelly Payne  
Richard Bay  
Nathan Darnall  
Lynn DeFreitas  
Florence Reynolods

### **Others Present:**

Holly Godsey  
Theron Miller  
Ying-Ying Macauley  
Jeff DenBleyker  
Bruce Waddell  
Kathy Van Dame  
Chris Montague  
Don Hayes  
Barry Quinn  
Nancy Keat  
Bill Johnson

Walt Baker opened the meeting, and performed roll call for the Steering Committee members. The August 22, 2006 meeting summary was approved.

### **Funding the WEST Program**

The Agenda Item #5 was moved to the first item. Dave Naftz, Lynn DeFreitas, Leland Myers, and Dick West stated their supports and the reasons of supporting the \$10,000 funding toward the WEST (Water, the Environment, Science and Teaching) project, which was previously discussed in the August Committee meeting. Walt stated that funding the WEST program meets one of the objectives of the Great Salt Lake Water Quality Steering Committee as to “Create a partnership among stakeholders including industry, government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations to gain broad acceptance of process and results.” The Committee confirmed its decision of providing \$10,000 to fund the trips and equipments for the WEST program.

### **2006 November GSL Science Panel Meeting Update**

The Chairman of the GSL Science Panel Bill Moellmer had prepared a presentation, but was not able to attend or present it to the Steering Committee meeting on December 5, 2006. The vice-chair of the GSL Science Panel Theron Miller put together a different presentation and presented to the Committee his summary of the Science Panel meeting held on November 29-30, 2006. During the first day of the Science Panel meeting (November 29), the principal investigators (PIs) for each contract had presented to and discussed with the Science Panel project and data updates. On the second day of the Science Panel meeting (November 30), the Science Panel discussed threshold values for various media (i.e., bird egg, liver, blood), reviewed conceptual model, reviewed data received to date, discussed whether the information was adequate and additional work needed. Bill Johnson expressed his concerns about the additional work identified by the Science Panel. Jeff DenBleyker stated that these were identified by the Science Panel

during the second day of the Science Panel meeting as an action item list of projects that should be developed. This list of projects was intended to give the Committee a “heads up” of more projects coming up that would require quick review or approval. The Committee discussed the Science Panel recommendations. Walt stated that Bill Moellmer’s presentation, which reflected what was completed at the Science Panel meeting with Science Panel’s input, would be sent out to each Committee member and posted to the DEQ website. Theron and Jeff discussed the background and importance of the proposed University of Miami brine shrimp kinetics study and how it had led to the panel’s recommendation to complete this work. There was discussion regarding the method of procurement and the critical need to begin work as soon as possible. The Committee decided to schedule a conference call following the next Science Panel conference call to review the additional work recommended by the Science Panel and make funding decisions. (Bill Moeller’s original presentation file has been posted on the DEQ website.)

#### Tissue Sample Storage

Jeff briefly reported the status of centralized storage of GSL tissue samples for future testing. Three freezers were purchased and installed in the Central Davis Sewer District. CH2MHill developed the protocol of inventorying and tracking the tissue samples. As of December 2006, these frozen tissue samples were still under the PIs possession and had not been transferred to the centralized location.

#### Financial Status Report

Walt reviewed the current budget summary, also posted on the web. As of November 1, 2006, the balance was \$1.49 million with \$325,893 disbursed to date.

#### Long-Range GSL Initiatives

The Committee briefly discussed the long-range GSL initiatives.

#### Steering Committee Meeting Process and Future Improvements

Due to the time constraint, Walt suggested that the Committee members look over the three handouts, review the current process, and examine how we are doing. This item will be discussed in the next Committee meeting.

#### Farmington Bay Wetlands Selenium Study Update

Don Hayes presented the Farmington Bay wetlands selenium study results and updates. (Don’s presentation slides are now posted on the DEQ website.)

#### Upcoming Meetings

The next GSL Steering Committee meeting will be the joint meeting with the Science Panel on March 23 (Friday) from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in DEQ Bldg. #2 Room 101. Lunch will be provided to both groups immediately following the joint meeting. Prior to the joint meeting, the GSL Science Panel will meet on March 21 and 22 (Wednesday and Thursday) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in DEQ Building #2 Room 201.